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In re application of:

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Serial Number: 09/870,510

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Examiner: Gitomer, Ralph J.

For: METHOD FOR DETECTING MICRO-ORGANISMS
AND SUPPORT USED IN SAID METHOD

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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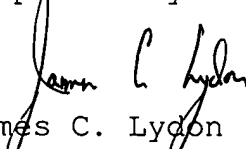
January 8, 2004

Sir:

Applicants petition the Director of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2003, for 1 month from December 9, 2003, to January 9, 2004.

A Credit Card Payment Form to cover the cost of the extension is attached. Please charge any additional required fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-1258. Two copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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